

## Lenten Bible Challenge: A 40-Day Journey through Matthew

Lent is an invitation to spend 40 days walking alongside Jesus, listening to His life-changing teachings, and falling more in love with God through self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

You're invited to rediscover Christ anew by reading through the **Gospel of Matthew** in 40 days. You'll cover approximately 30 verses each day for six days a week and then take Sunday as a day of rest. This requires intentionality and may require fasting 10 minutes a day from Facebook, Twitter, cable news, or ESPN to reflect on God's "love letter" to you.

### Here are the daily readings beginning on ASH WEDNESDAY

#### February 26-29

- Wed. 1:1-25
- Thurs. 2:1-23
- Fri. 3:1-17
- Sat. 4:1-25

#### March 1-7

- Sun. Rest
- Mon. 5:1-19
- Tues. 5:20-48
- Wed. 6:1-34
- Thurs. 7:1-29
- Fri. 8:1-34
- Sat. 9:1-37

#### March 8-14

- Sun. Rest
- Mon. 10:1-25
- Tues. 10:26-42
- Wed. 11:1-30
- Thurs. 12:1-21
- Fri. 12:22-50
- Sat. 13:1-23

#### March 15-21

- Sun. Rest
- Mon. 13:24-58
- Tues. 14:1-36
- Wed. 15:1-20
- Thurs. 15:21-39
- Fri. 16:1-28
- Sat. 17:1-27

#### March 22-28

- Sunday Rest
- Mon. 18:1-35
- Tues. 19:1-30
- Wed. 20:1-34
- Thurs. 21:1-22
- Fri. 21:23-46
- Sat. 22:1-22

#### March 29- April 4

- Sun. Rest
- Mon. 22:23-46
- Tues. 23:1-39
- Wed. 24:1-25
- Thurs. 24:26-51
- Fri. 25:1-30
- Sat. 25:31-46

#### April 5- April 11

- Sun. Rest
- Mon. 26:1-25
- Tues. 26:26-46
- Wed. 26:47-75
- Thurs. 27:1-38
- Fri. 27:39-66
- Sat. 28:1-20

**Easter Sunday April 12 — Celebrate!**

### GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR JOURNEY

- **READ THE PASSAGE SLOWLY** (You may read it again if you desire)
- **NOTICE WHAT RESONATES WITH YOU** (It may be a word or sentence)
- **ASK: WHAT MAY GOD BEING SAYING TO YOU OR HOW MAY GOD BE INVITING YOU CLOSER?**
- **REST: TAKE A MOMENT FOR SILENCE AND PRAYER**

### Resources available on Amazon to aid you on your journey

**Matthew for Everyone, Part 1 and 2** (The New Testament for Everyone) 2nd Edition by N. T. Wright

**Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A:** A Daily Devotional Paperback - September 2, 2013 by N. T. Wright (Author)

**God with Us: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew Hardcover** - November 15, 2019 by Edward P. Sri

**A Journey with Matthew: The 50 Day Bible Challenge Paperback** - April 1, 2014 by The Rev. Marek Zabriskie